For the convenience of public, information relating to procedures of differs it joins being done by the Directorate is given through public address system.

Health problem ascribed to Soft drinks

1720.. SHRI RAM AWADHESH SINGH: will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state;

(a) whether Government are aware of the various health problems ascribed 'to soft drinks

(b) whether Government propose to stop TV/All India Radio advertisement* in this regard;

(c) whether any in-depth scientiic studies have been conducted on the dele, tarious effects of soft drinks:

(d) whether the use of saccharine caffe, phosphoric and citric acids etc. is permitted despite scientific evidence of their harmful effects;

(e) whether any cases of adulteration have been detected; and

(f) if so, what are the details thereof state-wise, for the last three years and prosections tions launched and punishmeate awarded"

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a), Government is aware and accordingly specifications of soft drinks have been laid down under Prevention' of Food Adulteration Rules and the products conforming to these specifications are not harmful.

(b) It is not considered necessary.

(c) Scientific studies conducted on the possible harmful effects of soft drinKs have revealed that consumpjion of soft drinks conforming to the prescribed stand ards under Prevention of Food Audteration Rules, are unlikely to cause any harmful effect.

(d) Use of saccharine, caffeine phos phoric and citric acids is permiuae! in carbonated water within safe limits Keep ing in view the Average daily intake re commended by F. A. O. /W. H. O. Condex Aliknentaries Commissionr Carbonated water conforming to the specifications laid down under Prevention of Food Adul teration rules, are considered safe.

(e) and (f) The cases of adulteration detected, prosecutions launched and puni shments awarded during the last 3 years as available State-wise are given as under:

Name of the State/UT	No. of sample found Adulterated	No. of prosecutions launched	Punishments awarded
1. Andhra Pradesh	40	19	..
2. Arunachal Pradesh	Nil	Nil	..
3. Gujarat	42	42	..
4. Haryana	76	76	..
5. Jammu & Kashmir	2 (1985)	..	..
6. Karnataka	1	1	..
7. Kerala	15	15	..
8. Rajasthan	25	25	..
9. Chandigarh	12	12	..
10. Dadra and Nagar Haveli	2	2	..
11. Goa Daman and Diu	Nil	Nil	..
12. Andaman and Nicobar Islands	Nil	Nil	..
13. Lakshadweep	..	..	..
14. Pondicherry	8	7	..
15. Orissa	Nil	Nil	..